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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PK, US

SUBJECT: BHUTTO'S CHARGES OF U.S. INTERFERENCE

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S
SPOKESMAN:

QUOTE: Q: WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT PAKISTAN PRIME
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A: -- THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY THE PRIME MINISTER ARE GROUND-
LESS. THEY ARE ESPECIALLY DISQUIETING, CONSIDERING THE LONG
HISTORY OF CLOSE, FRIENDLY, AND AMICABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN
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Q: HOW AND BY WHOM HAS OUR CONCERN BEEN CONVEYED TO THE
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A: OUR CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED TO THE PAKISTANI EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON BY UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS HABIB. OUR EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD WILL ALSO BE EXPRESSING THE SAME VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN THERE.

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A: WE HAVE BEEN DISTRESSED BY THE LOSS OF LIFE, THE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, AND THE DISRUPTION OF THE ECONOMY WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE THERE OVER THE PAST WEEKS. WE HOPE THAT THE PROLONGED POLITICAL CONFRONTATION THERE CAN SOON BE RESOLVED. WE HOPE THAT AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS CAN BE FOUND SO THAT PAKISTAN CAN AGAIN ENJOY THE STABLE CONDITIONS IT NEEDS AND DESERVES.

Q: IS THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN ENGAGED IN THE VIOLATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS IN PURSUING ITS TACTICS TOWARD THE OPPOSITION?

A: THE SITUATION IS EXTREMELY COMPLICATED WITH VIOLENCE BEING USED BY BOTH SIDES. AS WE HAVE STATED REPEATEDLY, WE REGRET VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHEREVER AND HOWEVER THEY OCCUR AND BY WHOMEVER PERPETRATED. WE HOPE THAT A PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF THE POLITICAL CONFRONTATION IN
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Q: WAS THE DECISION TO SUSPEND A TEAR GAS SHIPMENT TO PAKISTAN DESIGNED TO SHOW DISPLEASURE WITH THE BHUTTO GOVERNMENT?

A: THE DECISION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR POLICY TOWARD

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